THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The question is:

That clause 1 stand part of the Bill.

The motion was adopted.

Clause 1 was added to the Bill.

The Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

श्री सीताराम केसरी: मैं प्रस्ताव करता हूं कि :

विधेयक को पारित किया जाए।

The question was proposed.

उपसभापति: आप फिर थर्ड रीडिंग में बोल रहे हैं? आप इतना बोल चुके हैं। वह प्रमोद महाजन जी की चिट्ठी आई है, नाम आपका लिखा है, इसलिए मैंने आपकी तरफ देखा। आपको बोलना है थर्ड रीडिंग में?

श्री सिकन्दर बख्त: सदर साहिबा, असल में हर चीज़ स्टीम रोल की जा रही है, किसी भी दलील का जवाब किसी मिनिस्टर साहब की तरफ से मिलता नहीं है। हम इस स्टीम रोलिंग के खिलाफ एतराज करते हैं और एतराज करते हुए हाउस से वाक आउट करते हैं।

(तत्पश्चात् कुछ माननीय सदस्य सदन से त्याग कर गए)

डा० अबरार अहमद: उपसभापति महोदया, अमेंडमेंट भी देंगे, भाषण भी देंगे और वाक आउट भी करेंगे।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The question is:

That the Bill be passed.

The motion was adopted.

THE PARLIAMENT (PREVENTION OF DISQUALIFICATION) AMENDMENT BILL, 1992.

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI K. VIJAYA BHASKARA REDDY): Madam, I move—

> "That the Bill further to amend the Parliament (Prevention of Disqualification) Act, 1959, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

The Joint Committee on Offices of Profit (Tenth Lok Sabha) in their Second Report had examined the composition, character, functions, etc. of four Commissions including the Planning Commission constituted by the Government of India and the emoluments and allowances payable to their chairpersons, vice-chairpersons, members, etc. with a view to consider whether the holders of offices under those Commissions would incur dis-qualification under Article 102 of the Constitution.

The Committee noted that the term of office of the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission is for a period of five years from the date of assumption of his office. Further, he is also entitled to a salary of Rs. 2250 per month plus DA as admissible to the Secretary to the Government of India and other perquisites as admissible to a Minister. They have also noted that the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commision has been given the status of a Cabinet Minister. It was also noted that the Election Commission of India in reference Case No. 1 of 1990 beween Shri A. K. Subhaiah and Shri Rama Krishna Hegde had held that the office of Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission is capable of profit being derived as a definite salary is attached to that office and the fact that the incumbent did not draw any salary, did not materially alter the status of that office for being an office of profit. The Committee has also op-

ined that the Members of Parliament being the representatives of the people when appointed on such an important Commission could play very useful and constructive role, and that they should not be deprived of the membership of the Commission on purely technical grounds. In view of this and in view of the fact that the Ministers at the Centre as well as in the States have already been exempted from incurring disqualification for being chosen, or for being Members of parliament *vide* Clause (a) of Section 3 of the Parliament (Prevention of Disqualification) Act, 1959, the Committee has recommended that the Schedule to the aforesaid Act should be suitably amended expeditiously so as to prevent the persons holding the office of Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission from incurring disqualification for being chosen, or for being a Member of Parliament. The Government is anxious to give effect to the aforesaid recommendation. Incidentally, I may also mention here that the Government is examining the other recommendations of the Joint Committee along with the earlier reports. It is my earnest hope that the Bill will receive unanimous support from all sections of the House.

Madam, I now commend the Bill for the considerations of the House.

The question was proposed.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have requested the Members who have given their names not to speak. They have agreed. Therefore, I put the motion to vote.

The question is:

"That the Bill further to amend the Parliament (Prevention of Disqualification) Act, 1959, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

The motion was adopted.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We shall now take up clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

Clauses 2 and 3 were added to the Bill.

Clause 1, The Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI K. VIJAYA BHASKARA REDDY: Madam, I beg to move:

That the Bill be passed.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Declaration of L.T.T.E. as an unlawful Association

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): Madam,

I rise to inform the House of the decision taken by the Government to declare the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, generally known as LTTE, as an unlawful association under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act 1967.

The LTTE had proclaimed its objective as a right to secure self-determination for Tamils ensuring in the process the geographical identity and integrity of the traditional homelands of the Tamils. The objective later came to be popularly known as 'Tamil Eelam' concept. In pursuance of this objective, the LTTE has indulged in several terrorist acts in India.

We have also received information that the LTTE recruited some Tamil youngmen, formed them into an organisation called Tamil National Retrieval Troops, gave them training and weapons in Jaffna and sent them back to India to carry out LTTE's tasks and to work for separation of